Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner is of opinion that the year does not threaten to be one of those exceptional years for which the standing orders provide remissions. But the Deputy Commissioners will make due enquiries at Jamabandi and report if necessary.

Subject No. 13.

Refusal to grant Kharab lands for cultivation where assessed land is available.

Summary of discussion.—Amildars often refuse applications for unassessed unoccupied lands for cultivation on the ground that assessed waste land is available in the village. This entails hardship as it is often found that very inferior or altogether uncultivable land is assessed, while arable land has been measured up with Kharab and remains unassessed.

Note.—A representation to the same effect was made by Representatives from the Chellakere Taluk, Chitaldroog District.

Dewan's reply.—There is no rule justifying such refusal as has here been brought to notice. The Survey Department probably took objection in individual cases in which the assessed available waste was very large and the application for unassessed waste in the circumstances required explanation. An explanatory circular will be issued so as to remove any misapprehension which may exist.

Subject No. 14.

Investiture of Tarikere Amildar with powers to try cases under Act XIII of 1859.

Summary of discussion.—The Amildar of Tarikere should have 2nd Class Magistrate's powers to allow of his being empowered to take cognizance of complaints under the Criminal Breach of Contract Act XIII of 1859. At present there is considerable inconvenience caused to Planters by their having to go a great distance for action under the said Act.

Dewan's reply.—Government will endeavour to send to the Taluk only Amildars fit to be entrusted with 2nd Class powers and thereby also to exercise powers under Act XIII of 1859.

Subject No. 15.

Railway from Birur to Shimoga *vid* Tarikere.

Summary of discussion.—It is necessary to connect Shimoga with the Southern Mahratta Railway at Birur by a Railway line passing through Tarikere.

Dewan's reply.—The proposed Railway is under consideration.

Subject No. 16.

Temporary dams across kodis of tanks.

Summary of discussion.—Kodis to tanks yielding more than 300 Rs. revenue having been lowered two or three feet, permission has been granted to construct temporary dams so as to raise the height by one foot. These structures should be allowed to be kept on permanently.